

HYDE THE NOMINEE:  
CHARLESTON CALMCity Democratic Committee  
Canvasses Vote After  
Hard Fight.

## MILITIA PRESERVE ORDER.

Grace Speaks Bitterly to Members  
and Then Leaves Room, Fol-  
lowed by Backers.

Charleston Special to The State, Oct. 16.—Thurston T. Hyde was declared the nominee for mayor of Charleston by a majority of 128 votes over the incumbent, John P. Grace, at the conclusion tonight of an eight hour sitting of the city Democratic executive committee, called together to canvass and publish the vote cast in the primary election held Tuesday. The session was adjourned from that of yesterday, which broke up in a riot that involved the death of a newspaper man, Sidney J. Cohen, the shooting of four others and the clubbing of two.

Three hundred militiamen patrolled the streets and maintained strict watch over the German Artillery hall in which the meeting commenced shortly before noon. A protest by Maj. Hyde was sustained, over the objection of Mayor Grace, which action threw out entirely the vote polled in Club 2 of Ward 10. A demand by Mr. Grace for a recount was rejected. Habeas corpus proceedings were begun this evening to procure the release from police headquarters of Hyde men, Brown and McDonald, who were arrested charged with complicity in the affray of yesterday. Judge Smith issued the writ, returnable Monday.

Col. E. M. Blythe, commanding the troops on duty, said he had no idea when the militia would be withdrawn. "I am here subject to the orders of the governor," he said. Saturday night shoppers and theatregoers, together with hundreds of persons interested in the political developments, made up a throng which crowded the streets this evening to an extraordinary degree. There has been no disorder.

SEARCHED FOR WEAPONS. Every man entering the German Artillery armory, where the meeting of the committee opened at 11:50 o'clock, 20 minutes later was thoroughly searched by militiamen. While a representative of The State was being thus "frisked" by two privates, another person undergoing the same ordeal was relieved of a large and shiny revolver.

W. Turner Logan, law partner and chief political lieutenant of Mayor Grace, had a seat in the committee room. Police Chief Cantwell came in and they conferred together in a low tone. With Mr. Logan was another Grace attorney, J. I. Cosgrove. Chairman Black and Secretary Richardson were seated at a long center table, where four newspaper men also sat. A sentinel stood at each of the two doors and others paced up and down outside the windows on the east and west sides.

As soon as the committee had been convened, the roll called and the minutes of the previous meeting read. Jerry Dunn, a member, described as closely affiliated with the mayor's partner, moved that "on account of the sad and untimely death of Mr. Cohen, the committee adjourn until after the funeral."

Nath. B. Barnwell said it would be no lack of respect for the committee to proceed with the duty imposed on it of canvassing the vote and declaring the result of the primary. He believed it to be important that this duty be performed as soon as possible.

By a vote of 14 to 9 the motion was lost.

M. Rutledge Rivers, attorney, read a lengthy protest from Maj. Hyde against including in the returns the vote from Club 2 in Ward 10. The two main grounds on which this box was contested were that no lawful poll list was kept until 89 votes had been cast and that contrary to law the polls were closed at 8:30 o'clock in the morning and kept closed for an hour or more. Two of the managers, H. J. Brown and Richard B. Cole, refused on these grounds to sign the return. They and a challenger, H. T. Massillon, who represented a candidate for alderman, deposed that the

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## POTASH DISCOVERY.

Secretary Lane Believes It Assures  
Country of Adequate Supply.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Production for the first time in the United States of commercial mineral potash, for which in the past Americans have spent millions of dollars abroad annually, was announced tonight by Secretary Lane. A report has just reached the interior department from a special agent of the geological survey telling how by a simple process potash had been produced from auriferous sand in Piute county, Utah.

As alunite is known to exist in large quantities in Utah, Colorado, Nevada, California and Arizona, Mr. Lane believes the discovery assures the country of an adequate supply of potash for agricultural purposes, and for use in the manufacture of explosives.

GERMANS PREPARING  
AFTER-WAR CAMPAIGNWill Look to South America for  
Compensation for Trade Losses.  
Says Dernburg.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Preparations are under way in Germany for an aggressive trade campaign in South America after the war, according to a report of the American Association of Commerce and Trade in Berlin, made public today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. German manufacturers, the report says, have organized a "trade league for South America," headed by Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, who attracted much attention in the United States last spring by his activities as exponent of German opinion.

Dr. Dernburg is quoted as declaring that Germany must look to South America for compensation for trade losses that may follow the war.

The bureau of foreign and domestic commerce has for the past year conducted a vigorous extension campaign in South America. A dozen special commercial agents have toured the Southern continent and since the beginning of the European war aggressive steps have been taken to secure for manufacturers and merchants of the United States the markets left vacant by the belligerent countries. Bankers have established branches in various South American cities and already the trade of the United States with South and Central American countries shows a steady increase.

## GOV. MANNING IN TOUCH.

No Intimation When Militia Will be  
Dismissed.

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, Oct. 17.—There was no additional information given out here today on the situation in Charleston. The military companies of Charleston are still held in readiness in their armories and no intimation as to when they will be dismissed has come either from Governor Manning or the adjutant general's office. The governor is keeping in close touch with matters in Charleston. He has abandoned his contemplated trip of inspection to the boll weevil territory for the present on account of the Charleston situation.

## FIRING ACROSS THE BORDER

Mexicans and American Soldiers  
Exchange Shots.

Brownsville, Texas, October 18.—The first firing across the Rio Grande in more than three weeks occurred at 4 o'clock Sunday morning near the Mercedes pumping station, thirty-five miles above here, when Mexicans fired thirty-five to forty shots. The American soldiers returned the fire but no one was hurt.

## CONTRACTS FOR WAR VESSELS.

Sixteen Submarines and Four De-  
stroyers to be Added to Navy.

Washington, October 18.—Contracts for sixteen submarines and six destroyers were awarded today by the navy department. One destroyer will be built at Norfolk navy yard and one at Mare Island, California. Four of the submarines will be built on the Pacific coast. The Bremerton, Washington, and the Portsmouth navy yards each will build one.

MYSTERY OF SHOTS  
NOT MUCH CLEAREDEight Witnesses Examined by  
Coroner at Inquest Into  
Cohen's Death.

## THREE FIRING ERUPTIONS.

Testimony Narrows to Probable  
Source of Fatal Bullet to One  
of These.

Charleston, Oct. 18.—Examination by the coroner today of eight witnesses cleared up but slightly the question in what manner Sidney J. Cohen received a mortal wound in the lungs during the riot which broke up the meeting last Friday of the city Democratic executive committee, a meeting called to declare the result of the hotly contested municipal primary of Tuesday, which meeting Mr. Cohen attended as a reporter of the Charleston Evening Post. About all that was accomplished was to set up the likelihood that the young newspaper man was laid low by a bullet proceeding from one of three distinct eruptions of gunfire. The consensus of the testimony so far adduced seems to be that in the center of the room was a man some witness identify as Henry Brown, shooting several times, more or less promiscuously while struggles for possession of revolvers held by Committee men McDonald and by Chief Cantwell resulted in the discharge of those weapons. Evidence developed up to now leaves the possibility open that Mr. Cohen may have been killed by a bullet from any one of these three sources. Until today only the statements from the Grace side among the several broadsides given publicity had concentrated suspicion of gunplay upon Brown and McDonald, who had been held by the police as principals in the Cohen homicide and who this morning were transferred by Judge Smith to the custody of the sheriff to await the verdict from the inquest, pending leave to move for bail, but on the resumption today of the inquest testimony regarding these men came from the Hyde faction also. Eight witnesses were examined, four being Hyde men and four Grace men. All of them are members of the executive committee.

Messrs. Black, Barnwell and Poulnot, Hyde men, said that a man standing in the center of the room fired a pistol.

This man, Mr. Barnwell said, was Brown, Mr. Michel, a Grace partisan said Brown fired four times. Mr. Robson, a Hyde man, said that a man in the center of the room, whose face and hand only were visible to him, fired rapidly several times at William Wingate, a Grace supporter. Mr. Hancock, a Grace man, said he saw Brown shooting at Wingate, but when Brown was produced before him admitted he "couldn't say" that was the man who did the shooting.

Mr. Cosgrove, a Grace man, said he saw Brown fire upon Wingate. He identified Brown before the coroner's jury. Mr. Riddock, a Grace man, said Brown came in pistol in hand, saying, "Let's start it now," and began firing. He also identified Brown at the inquest today.

Some 40 witnesses under subpoena are yet to be examined but the coroner has hopes of concluding his inquiry tomorrow evening.

## PORT ROYAL TO GET DEPOT.

The Prairie to Transfer 750 Marine  
Recruits Now at Norfolk.

Washington, October 18.—Special: Port Royal will this week witness the accomplishment of the navy department's decision to transfer the marine recruit depot from Norfolk.

Secretary Daniels announced last winter that the depot would be moved to Port Royal, but there was such delay that Congressman Byrnes several weeks ago made a special trip to Washington to see Admiral Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation, and find out what was the matter. Admiral Blue told Mr. Byrnes that there had been difficulty in securing a suitable transport, and that just as soon as one was available, which would be within a few weeks, the transfer would be made.

ALLIES COUNTERING  
IN BALKAN THEATREOccupy Strumitza and Land  
Troops at Bulgaria's New-  
ly Acquired Port.

## HEAVY FIGHTING AT FRONT

Servians Putting Up Better Showing  
Than Expected, With Entente  
Powers Rushing Them Aid.

London, Oct. 18.—Reports that the allies have occupied Strumitza and landed at Enos, which recently was transferred from Turkish to Bulgarian rule, has caused a more optimistic feeling throughout the allies' countries.

As to the progress of the Near Eastern campaign it is known from both Serbian and German accounts that Field Marshal von Mackensen's army is meeting with greater resistance than was expected, and although it is probable that the Servians eventually must fall back on stronger strategic position, the fact that the allies are bringing heavy forces against the Bulgarians, and so placing them that the Bulgarians will be forced to divide their armies, gives hope here that the Germans may be balked in their latest attempt to reach the sea and bring assistance to the Turks.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE. All along the line the Servians and their Montenegrin neighbors, also attached, are offering stubborn resistance to both Austro-Germans and Bulgarians, and while they have given up a number of towns and positions they have not yet reached the line on which they expect to make their stand.

The Bulgarians, so far as can be learned, have made progress only in the Zlatokopska valley near the river Morava, north of the town of Vranja, where they blew up a bridge. There is no confirmation of a report that they cut the railway in this district. The bridge was near the railway. The Bulgarian force which penetrated the valley is not a large one.

AN IMPORTANT CAPTURE. The capture of Strumitza is of real strategic value as its occupation permits the defense of the southern end of the railway and compels the Bulgarians to keep a force there. Enos, too, is of value, as, although not a good landing place, its occupation threatens Dedegatch, which has a great harbor and is fortified and mined. The civilian population has left Dedegatch, which is entirely in the hands of the military under German supervision.

## PRESBYTERIANS IN SESSION.

Synod of South Carolina Opens An-  
nual Meeting.

Rock Hill, October 18.—Special: The Presbyterian Synod of South Carolina will meet in the Oakland Street Presbyterian Church, in Rock Hill, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. After a sermon it will be called to order by Prof. A. E. Spencer, of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, the retiring moderator.

The Synod will be composed of ministers and representatives of all the churches in the State and will be a large and influential body. Eight Presbyteries will be represented, embracing about three hundred churches, with nearly thirty thousand communicants.

## CLOSING THE TIGERS.

Cathcart Active in Raiding Liquor  
Dealers.

Charleston, Oct. 16.—W. C. Cathcart, head of the state constables under direction of Sheriff Martin, was active this morning in raiding the places where illicit whiskey is sold. Many of the "tigers" notified the chief that they were closed for the day and that no whiskey would be offered for sale.

During the morning two men pleaded guilty in the circuit court to the charge of storing whiskey. One notified Mr. Cathcart that he had given up his federal revenue license and that it was his intention to quit the business.

No announcement has come from Columbia as to when the dispensaries will be reopened.

## FORT MILL HAS YOUNG MAYOR.

Just Old Enough to Vote, B. E.  
Patterson Wins Out.

Fort Mill, Oct. 15.—In the special election held here yesterday to nominate a mayor to fill the unexpired term of A. R. McElhane, resigned, 171 votes were cast of which W. M. Carothers received 82 and B. E. Patterson 89, the latter being elected by a majority of 7 votes. Considerable interest has been taken in the election as is indicated by the large vote cast, the largest in the history of the town. Mr. Patterson has the honor of being the youngest mayor that Fort Mill has ever had, having only recently attained his majority and casting his first ballot in this election. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson and is very highly esteemed throughout the town and community.

STUCKEY HAS EYE  
ON GOVERNORSHIPBishopville Man Says He Will Prob-  
ably Be in the Race Next  
Summer.

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, Oct. 17.—"I will not at this time make a positive statement, but there is every probability that I will be in the race for governor next summer," was the answer made by Hon. W. A. Stuckey of Bishopville, to a query from newspaper men.

Mr. Stuckey is a prominent farmer of Lee county. He is highly educated, being a graduate of the University of South Carolina and a post graduate of Vanderbilt University.

Interest attaches to the probable candidacy of Mr. Stuckey for governor because of his hold on the so-called Bleasie faction. He was a political supporter of the former governor and wielded a big influence, especially in the Pee Dee section of the state among that faction.

"I am not prepared to make a definite announcement just now," said Mr. Stuckey. "Public sentiment is in the process of formation and there is a constantly increasing demand for a direct representative of the farmer to run for governor. If I am the man, all right; if I am not this sentiment will crystallize and find a way to express itself. I am doing nothing to promote it and do not intend to in any way seek it personally. Let the people have a chance. If I do run my platform will be: 'I do not wish any man's vote unless he believes I am the best man for the state to have for its governor.'"

## CONVENTION DATES

Daughters of Confederacy Meet in  
Aiken in November.

Aiken, Oct. 16.—A mistaken impression has gotten abroad throughout the state that the dates of the state convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, to be held this year in Aiken, have been changed for the reason that the State convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held during the same week. The United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet in Aiken November 17, 18 and 19, and elaborate preparations are already being made for the entertainment of the delegates. Esther Marion chapter plans to make this the best convention of the state organization yet held. Dr. William Spencer Currell, president of the University of South Carolina, will be the orator for the historical evening November 18.

## SIR LIONEL CARDEN DEAD.

British Minister Whom Carranza  
Forced Out of Mexico.

London, October 16.—Sir Lionel Carden, British minister to Mexico from 1913 until August, 1914, when he was forced to leave Mexico City by Gen. Carranza after the overthrow of President Huerta, died in London today.

## FARMER AND SON BLOWN UP

Were Blasting Stumps in Field  
With Dynamite.

High Point, N. C., October 16.—W. V. Kivett, 44, a farmer, and his son, Burns Kivett, 10 years old, were literally blown to pieces when a quantity of dynamite with which they were blasting stumps exploded today.

CHARLESTON MUDDLE  
ENDS IN TRAGEDYSidney J. Cohen Killed and  
Four Others Wounded in  
Committee Room.

## VOTE CANVASS PREVENTED

Meeting to Declare Result in  
Mayorality Election Broken Up  
by Shooting.

Charleston Special to The State, Oct. 15.—Animosities arising out of the municipal campaign which ended in a primary election last Tuesday with the apparent nomination for mayor of Thurston T. Hyde over the incumbent, John P. Grace, by a majority of 19 votes, flamed into bloodshed when the city Democratic executive committee met at noon today to canvass the returns. Hardly had the chairman, Joseph A. Black, a Hyde man, declared the meeting open before a shot struck down Sidney J. Cohen, a young reporter of The Charleston Evening Post, and in the more or less general exchange of shots which followed, four men, all of the Grace faction, were wounded, two of them seriously. During the affray two or three ballot boxes and several club books were hurled out through windows and in the ensuing scramble in the street two men were clubbed.

W. A. Turner has a bullet in his right lung; W. E. Wingate is wounded in the hip and has a scalp concussion. Harry L. Wilensky is shot in the arm, and Jeremiah O'Brien is shot in the ankle. Max Goldman and Thurston T. Hyde Jr., suffered minor bruises.

Then men were arrested and afterward released on bail, but of these none is charged with actual participation in the affray. Some of them are held for carrying concealed weapons, the others being merely detained.

Stories of the clash differ widely and no dependable account in detail as to just how or by whom the shooting was done is procurable tonight. A jury of inquest which surveyed the body of young Cohen this afternoon has been indefinitely adjourned.

Forty naval militiamen guard the committee headquarters and 250 other men are held in armories under command of Col. E. M. Blythe of the First Infantry. Troops will police the meeting tomorrow of the executive committee. There is no immediate danger, it is said, of deaths among the wounded.

State constables were especially active today. If illicit liquor dealers were operating tonight they did so most discreetly. All the dispensaries were closed at noon by John Marshall, secretary of the Charleston dispensary board, acting upon orders from Governor Manning.

Two rooms, neither of them large, make up the headquarters of the city Democratic executive committee. They are on the second floor of a two-story building at King and George streets, admission being through George street. Only members of the committee, counsel for the two factions and for challenged voters and several newspaper men were in the front room. Gathered in the back room were witnesses, partisans and solicitors. Accounts obtainable at this time agree that a disturbance in the ante-room preceded by a few seconds the shooting of Mr. Cohen. A brief flurry of shots followed, and within a few minutes gained control of the situation. Constables from the sheriff's office came on the run and bared on their heels marched militiamen, headed by Capt. Harry O. Withington. The troops formed a hollow square, established a patrol and rolled back the crowd. The injured were removed to hospitals and several suspects arrested by the police were taken to cells at headquarters. Affidavits of a sensational nature are said to be in preparation and these may or may not become public in the course of the coroner's inquest or other official inquiries that are to follow.

Two ballot boxes retrieved by police from the crowd in the street outside committee headquarters are said to be held at police headquarters. The committee at a brief session this afternoon decided to meet tomorrow morning to resume the work interrupted by today's disorder.

Governor Manning at Columbia.

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